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In re patent application of  
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For: RENAL NUCLEAR MATRIX PROTEINS,  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING  
THEM, AND THEIR USE

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed on December 1, 1999, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please rewrite the following claims:

*Sub C*  
*B*  
1. (Amended) A purified nuclear matrix protein that is present in normal renal cells but absent in cancerous renal cells, or that is absent in normal renal cells but present in cancerous renal cells; wherein said nuclear matrix protein is specific to renal cells.

*Sub D2*  
*D2*  
*B2*  
2. (Amended) A method for detecting a cell proliferative disorder in a subject, comprising contacting a cellular component from the subject with a reagent which binds to a cellular component associated with a [cell proliferative disorder] nuclear matrix protein of claim 1.

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